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SUBJ: OBASANJO VISITS NIAMEY
1. EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE OF 30 HOUR VISIT TO NIAMEY OF NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO JULY 17 AND 18 EMPHASIZED CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN TWO STATES DIVIDED BY AN ARTIFICIO COLONIAL BORDER, INCLUDING ARTICLES ON FESTAC 2, AND POINTEDLY DESCRIBED VISPD ONE OF OBASNJO'S FIRST FOREIGN TRIPS SINCE HE BECAME HEAD OF STATE. BHZINGUAL EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT DAILY SAHEL SUGGESTED NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENT WILL LEAD TO NIGERIAN INTEREST IN NIGER SUBSOIL ENERGY RESOURCES, IN EXCHANGE FOR ELECTRIC POWER NOW SUPPLIED TO NIAMEY FROM KAINJUI DAM. EDITORIAL ALSUEFERS TO URGENT NEED TO APPLY THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT.

2. THEME OF COOPERATION IN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT WAS ECHOED BY NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR JIMETA INPRESS INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE SUGGESTED MINERAL RESEARCH AS THEMOST PROMISING FIELD FOR FURTHER ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE REFERRED TO PEACEFUL COMMON FRONTIER, SUPPORT FOR NIGERO-NIGERIAN MIXED COMMISSION, UNCLASSIFIED

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, OAU-PARTICULARLY DECISIONS OF THE LIBREVILLE SUMMIT REGARDING SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ARAB-AFRICAN CAUSE AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER IN WHICH EACH STATE HAS EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO BENEFIT FROM ITSNATURAL RESOURCES. KOUNTCHE ACCEPTE INVITATION TO VISIT NIGERIA AT AN UNSPECIFIED DATE.

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4. IN ANSWER TO PRESS QUESTIONS, OBSANJO SAID THE CHAD-LIBYA DISPUTE WAS DISCUSSED, AND WAS QUTOTED AS SAYING QTE IN MAINTAINING BILATERAL RELATIONS, NIGER AND AIGERIA CANNOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN CHAD AND LIBYA. IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH, AND THUS WE MUST UNITE. NIGER AND NIGERIA ASSOCIATE THEIR EFFORTS WITH THOSE OF OAU OR ANY OTHER AFRICAN ORGANIZATION TO ESTABLISH PEACE AND SECURITY BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES. UNQTE.

5. ALTHOUGH IMMEDIE PRESS COVERAGEEMPHASIZED ECONOMIC COOPERATIONAS MAIN THEME OF SEVERAL HOURS OF TALKS, SHORT ADVANCE NOTICE INDICATES MORE PRESSING MATTERS, ESPECIALLY THE CHAD-LIBYA DISPUTE, WERE BEHIND TRIP, AS IS INDICATED IN ANNOUNCEMENT 5 DAYS LATER OF NIGER-NIGERIAN MEDIATION MISSION, REPORTED SEPTEL.JAMES

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